

**Funding Opportunity Title: Protecting and Promoting Afghanistan's Diverse Cultural Heritage**

**Funding Opportunity Number: SCAKAB-21-CA-003-SCA-03312021**

**Question and Answer Document**

**Question 1:** The RFP mentions that the for-profit applicants can only charge their indirect costs if they have a G&A rate. If they don't have such rate, they can charge their indirect costs in the direct costs section. Can you elaborate on this because if it means adding indirect costs to relevant lines, then for instance in salaries, the total amounts will be higher than the NTA? And how this should be presented in the budget summary?

**Response:** For-profit recipients who do not have a formally established overhead or G&A rate should allocate indirect costs into the appropriate direct cost categories. For example, if the project accounts for 20% of the organization's work, only 20% of the electricity, accountant fees, etc. should be charged as a direct cost to the grant. The budget narrative should include a description of how these costs were determined.

**Question 2:** The RFP requires both a security plan and organizational policy for working in high-risk environment as required attachments. Does the security plan refer to the security plan of the project or the organization's security plan?

**Response:** The security plan should be specific to the proposed project. PAS expects that the organization's policy for working in high-risk environments will be more general (i.e. not necessarily project specific) as it relates to the organization's overall security operational procedures.

**Question 3:** Given that this project is designated as 'high risk', can the project activities involving international staff take place in facilities like the Baron Hotel with better security? If yes, are costs associated with high fees for places like the Baron covered under this RFP?

**Response:** It is up to the applicant to propose security measures it deems necessary to carry out proposed project activities. Per the NOFO, "Reasonable costs for necessary security are allowable expenses and may be included in the proposed budget."

**Question 4:** If a project is proposed with a non-profit and a for-profit, can both organizations include their indirect costs?

**Response:** Yes. Please note, per the NOFO "Organizations may sub-award/contract with other entities, but only one entity may be the prime recipient of the award." In the event the applicant is proposing a sub-award or contract, a detailed line-item budget for the sub-award or contract should be submitted as part of the proposal. For-profit entities without an established G&A rate should follow the guidance in the NOFO and referenced in Question 1 above.

**Question 5:** Does this funding opportunity require or expect that the US / international members of the project team reside in Kabul or visit Kabul frequently to direct the work in Afghanistan?

Or -can the in-country activities of the project instead be carried out entirely by qualified local Afghan colleagues hired or contracted as project staff?

**Response:** There are no set requirements for the location of project staff. It is up to the applicant to propose personnel it deems appropriate to carry out proposed project activities and monitoring and evaluation (M&E) requirements.